GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:256
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ONLINE COURSES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to start some of the Under-graduate and Post-graduate courses in the Central Universities, Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) and Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) online and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government has accorded its approval for increasing the tuition fee in IIM, Ahmedabad and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

Part (a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) and (b) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 256 ASKED BY SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING ONLINE COURSES.

(a) Madam, presently the Government does not proposes to start Under-graduate (UG) and Post-graduate (PG) courses in the Central Universities, Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) and Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) online.

However under National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT) scheme, apart from other activities, creation of e-contents for the benefit of students and learners had been under taken. More than 700 courses in various disciplines in engineering and science are available on-line under National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL). E-content for 8 undergraduate subjects has also been generated by the Consortium of Educational Communication (CEC) in collaboration with its Media Centres. Over 100 Virtual Labs in 9 Engineering & Science disciplines, comprising about 770 experiments are currently ready for use and available. 1500 Spoken Tutorials are available on line and more than 200 courses for design have been created.

Further, IIT Madras along with its NPTEL partners and NASSCOM have run, three Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs) of 10 weeks each, from 3rd March, 2014.

IIT Bombay has informed that several individual course offerings (subjects) are available in various modes through forums such as MOOCs and recorded courses through their Centre for Distance Education both at UG and PG level.

IIT Bombay is also ready with SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds) platform. Through this, not full courses, but several subjects (papers) for UG and PG syllabus are to be offered as online courses.

(b) IIMs are autonomous institutions managed by the respective Board of Governors. In the existing Memorandum of Association (MoA) of IIMs, the power to determine fee has been vested in the Board of Governors of the institutes.